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**State officials investigating mine fatality**  
***Second fatality in the state this year***

**Frankfort, Ky.** (June 25, 2012) –The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) is investigating the death of a miner in Pike County. An accident occurred at approximately 11:40 a.m. today at the McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corp. Mine No. 23. Preliminary reports indicate 33-year-old Farley Sargent was laying track when a rib roll occurred. A rib roll is when a portion of the coal pillar wall falls into the corridor.

This marks the second mining fatality in Kentucky this year. In March, a miner was killed while attempting to repair a canopy when it collapsed.

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